

**TOWN OF GRIFFITH  
RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - \_08\_**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TRANSFER OF THE DUTIES OF THE CALUMET  
TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR'S OFFICE TO THE LAKE COUNTY ASSESSOR.**

**WHEREAS**, The Griffith Town Council, as the legislative and fiscal body of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana from time to time encounters issues of public importance which invite a response from the elected representatives as part of the public discourse on the matter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indiana State legislature has passed legislation in the form of House Enrolled Act 1001 that in part stipulates:

SECTION 693. IC 36-2-15-5, AS AMENDED BY HEA1137-2008 SECTION 261, AS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 5.

**(e) A referendum shall be held under sections 7.4 through 11 of this chapter in each township in which the number of parcels of real property on January 1, 2008, is at least fifteen thousand (15,000) to determine whether to transfer to the county assessor the assessment duties prescribed by IC 6-1.1 that would otherwise be performed by the elected township assessor of the township.**

SECTION 694. IC 36-2-15-7.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 7.4.

**(a) Assessment duties are transferred to the county assessor as described in section 5(e) of this chapter only if a majority of the individuals in the township who vote in a referendum that is conducted in accordance with this section and sections 8 through 11 of this chapter approved this transfer.**

**(b) The question to be submitted to the voters in the referendum must read as follows:**

**“Should the assessing duties of the elected township assessor in the township be transferred to the county assessor?” and**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Griffith is part of Calumet Township in Lake County, Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, Calumet Township consists of a small unincorporated area of the Township, most of the Town of Griffith, and all of Gary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Griffith Town Council acting in the best interest of the citizens of Griffith has determined that transferring the duties of the Calumet Township Assessor's

office to the Lake County Assessor will provide better service for its citizens and will effectively eliminate the Calumet Township Assessor's office, thereby all of the costs associated with said office; and

**WHEREAS**, this action should result in a reduction in property tax levies that are attributed to Calumet Township for each Griffith property tax payer; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY** the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana as follows:

That the Griffith Town Council supports a YES vote on the pending referendum asking **"Should the assessing duties of the elected township assessor in the township be transferred to the county assessor"** that will be placed on the November ballot.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana.

COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF  
GRIFFITH, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

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Clerk-Treasurer

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